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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2008,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.